

WAILUKU TEMPERATURES

| | Max. | Min. | Rainfall |
|-------------|------|------|----------|
| February 18 | 73 | 65 | .63 |
| " 19 | 85 | 66 | .00 |
| " 20 | 85 | 63 | .09 |
| " 21 | 82 | 71 | .17 |
| " 22 | 77 | 68 | .21 |
| " 23 | 82 | 58 | .07 |
| " 24 | 82 | 59 | .00 |

Rainfall 1.08 inches.

Maui News

NEXT WEEK'S MAILS

From the Coast—Tenyō Maru, today; Matsunō, Tuesday; Wolterino, Thursday.

To the Coast—Shinyō Maru, Sunday; Wilhelmina, Wednesday.

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WAILUKU, MAUI COUNTY, HAWAII, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1921

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HIGHER PAY FOR MAUI OFFICIALS

Bill Introduced by Representative Joseph Provides For Increases Ranging up to \$50 a Month.

Increased salaries for Maui county officers, the increases ranging from \$10 to \$50 a month are provided in house bills Nos. 56 and 57, both introduced by Representative Joseph. The second of the measures refers to the chairman of the board of supervisors only.

Under the provisions of House Bill No. 56 the following changes in salaries would be made: Sheriff, from \$3600 to \$3900 yearly, a monthly increase of \$25; County Clerk, from \$2400 to \$2700, a monthly increase of \$25; Auditor from \$3000 to \$3300, \$25 monthly increase; County Attorney from \$3300 to \$3600, monthly increase \$30; Treasurer, \$3000 to \$3300, \$25 monthly increase; Deputy Sheriff Lahaina \$1620 to \$1920, \$25 monthly increase; Deputy Sheriff Wailuku \$2040 to \$2400, monthly increase \$30; Deputy Sheriff Makawao \$1800 to \$2160, monthly increase \$30 and Deputy Sheriff Molokai \$1200 to \$1320, monthly increase \$10.

For the chairman of the board of supervisors an increase from \$3600 to \$3900, monthly increase of \$25 is provided under House Bill 57.

In the circuit court salary bill there is a provision for increasing the salary of the clerk of the court in this county by \$25 a month and for a salary of \$125 for a deputy clerk but no provision is made for increase in the pay of stenographers.

For the tax assessor there is provided an increase of \$75 monthly in the administration salary bill but that it appears probable that J. H. Kune will fare better than any other official on Maui.

Chamber Committee to Look into Needs for Sewers for Wailuku

Before giving approval to a sewer project for Wailuku the Chamber of Commerce wants further information on the subject and a committee of five composed of William Walsh, C. D. Lufkin, E. R. Bevins, George Weight and County Engineer Low has been named to investigate and report. It is possible that the committee may recommend the inclusion of an appropriation in the loan fund bill and continue investigations relative to a system which would cost less than the one for which plans were shown to the board of supervisors at its last meeting.

Following the reading of letters on the subject of a Wailuku sewer system from E. R. Bevins of the legislative committee and County Clerk Kaue, President Penhallow, at the meeting of the chamber on Monday, Chief Sanitary Inspector George Weight to explain the need of a system. Mr. Weight said a system was needed, not so much for the residential system as for above and below Market street. He cited an instance in that vicinity where two cesspools had been dug and a third was needed but would require demolition of the building to put it in.

Need Explained

Mr. Weight said the soil of Wailuku was not porous and the situation was aggravated by houses not using grease traps, the grease flowing into the cess pools and forming a coating which made the soil still more impervious to water. The proposed system was estimated in July last to cost about \$92,500.

President Penhallow asked if one or more odorless excavators would not answer the purpose and Mr. Weight replied that he thought not and cited an instance where a week was spent in cleaning a cesspool and two days later it overflowed again.

Mr. Walsh told of Kahului's experience with an odorless excavator but said drainage and seepage through the soil was good in Kahului.

A. W. Collins suggested that perhaps a system for Market street running into one or more settling tanks and salvaging the overflow for cane field irrigation might be used.

County Attorney Bevins told of the law relative to counties putting in sewer systems. Said he, the county cannot put in a system and assess against benefited property owners but must act through the loan fund or from its general fund. He feared that if a committee be named to investigate the delay would prevent the necessary legislation.

Will Investigate

To such objection President Penhallow replied that the committee could render an early report on the advisability of securing legislation and continue its investigations further. It is not necessary, he said, to use the appropriation in full if one be secured and he thought that action could be secured early enough so that legislation would not have to go over for two years. The motion for appointment of a committee then prevailed.

Bringing New Life to a Dying Nation Is Splendid Undertaking of America

Committees in all parts of Maui are this week soliciting subscriptions in behalf of the fund for Near East Relief and are reported to be making good progress. The campaign for funds moved over to Maui from Honolulu on Tuesday and is to last for a week. In Honolulu subscriptions, in addition to a collection in the Central Union Church and some other collections is in excess of \$11,000, between \$3000 and \$4000 was raised on Kauai. It is reported, and Maui hopes to add between \$4000 and \$5000.

Tuesday evening the campaign was officially opened at the Territorial Building in Kahului by Dr. Lionel L. Wirt, who was one of the leaders in the relief work that was started in 1919 when the United States took up the work through a separate organization from the American-Red Cross which latter organization withdrew that work be not duplicated. However, the Red Cross has made loans to the younger organization at times when there was a temporary shortage of funds.

Dr. Wirt is a pleasant speaker, and a master of English. Had it not been for the Kona storm with heavy showers the auditorium would surely have been filled. As it was those who attended were held deeply interested for an hour and a half. The speaker was introduced by C. D. Lufkin, chairman of the Maui organization for the Near East Relief drive and said in part:

We have been passing through five epochal years—years I trust which will never come again: Nineteen fourteen—how will you remember that year? That was the year of "the sons of hate"; Nineteen-fifteen—how will we write the spirit of that year? It was the year of the loss of the Lusitania; Nineteen-sixteen—that was the year in which General Nivelle, commander of the beleaguered French at Verdun, nailed his immortal words to the flagstaff, "They shall not pass!" and they did not pass; Nineteen-seventeen—ah, that was the year when our own military leader laid a wreath on a grave in France and said: "Lafayette, we are here Nineteen-eighteen—the year of Argonne forest, and Chateau-Thierry, and Sedan, the second Sedan; Nineteen-nineteen—the year of the peace conference; and now—how will you remember these years? Well, I will tell you how millions of suffering people will remember it—the year for the binding up of the wounds of the war.

And who are binding up the wounds of the world? Not England; she is having all that she can do to repair her own fortune. Not France; she is building over against her own broken threshold, and has no time for others; not Germany; not Russia. There is only one nation under the blue canopy of heaven strong and generous and ready. That is our own dear land, which has risen in response to the cry of need from the uttermost parts of the earth. So the thought I have for you is more of a report than anything else; to come back and tell you what has been done with your dollars. For you have given to that fund which has gone over the sea, winged with love, and which has restored, in a measure at least, the Garden of Eden.

In January, 1919, I was invited to join a company of 500 relief workers, who crossed the Atlantic with five great ships given by the United States Government. The thirty millions of dollars raised that year for Near East Relief was invested in food and clothing and medicine, love and good cheer. Gladly did we sail away with flags flying and with the food store that was to restore the old Bible lands to something of their pristine beauty and loveliness. Who are these to whom we gave relief? Let me carry you back a few years and tell you something about these wonderful people—the Armenians.

Armenians Old People

When Hiram, King of Tyre, wanted to help his friend, King Solomon, in the erection of the greater temple, he had no horses to pull the cedar beams. So Hiram went over beyond Damascus and, as we used to think, got some of the Arabians to help him; but now we know he appealed to the people who settled around Mount Ararat, the Armenians, and they gave him horses.

Then we come to the days when the people reached out gladly for the new light that came from heaven, and two disciples, Bartholomew and Thomas, went over to the plains of Cilicia and evangelized the Armenian people. In the year 281 Gregory found them worshipping the true God, and organized them into a church that has come to be known as the Gregorian Church; a church which antedates all other churches. It was organized before Constantine saw his cross in the heavens, or before the Roman Empire had set its seal on Christianity at the Council of Nice. So we think today of the most ancient Christian people, who are neither Protestants nor Catholics, nor Jews nor Greeks. Therefore, they appeal to us without prejudice, and we gather our funds for their relief from all classes of people.

Then we come to the time of the Crusaders, when those who went forth to rescue the holy sepulcher from the hands of the Saracens, crossed the mountains, and were driven back by

Saladin and other Mohammedan leaders. In their extremity they found hospice and redress and homes and food at the hands of this little Christian people.

Marvel of Bravery

Then came the Saracen hordes across the land. The followers of Mohammed, with their false religion, with the Koran in one hand and the sword in the other. To all they said: "Worship Allah, and his prophet Mohammed, or accept the sword." The whole of the East at that time was nominally Christian; and the Saracens went into Egypt and said to the ancient Egyptians: "Who will you worship—Christ or Mohammed?" They said: "We will worship Mohammed." The hordes swept over Arabia with the same answer, over Syria and Africa and down into India. Everywhere they were victorious, for men thought more of their lives than they did of their religion.

But while this was going on there was one little nation in the heart of that land that would not recant, that would not give up its faith. While others almost universally said: "Give us your Koran and give us life," there was one sturdy group who said: "Give us your sword and give us death; for we are Christians, we have lived Christians, and we will die Christians." These were the Armenians who, ten millions strong in the time of Peter the Hermit, Richard the Lion-hearted, and Godfrey and Baldwin, bowed their necks to the cruel sword of the Mohammedans, and from ten millions, a thousand years ago, have been decimated and destroyed for their faith, until just before the world war there were only four millions left.

Side With Allies

When the war broke out, the whole world took sides. The Turks and the Arabs came to this little subject race and surrounded them. Let us suppose that the people of this State were worshipping the only true and living (Continued on Page Seven.)

Committee Ready With Phone Plan

Experimental Period Will End April 1 and Expressions From Subscribers Are Sought by Members.

Five months of the six months experimental trial of the tolls telephone charge system on Maui will have expired next Tuesday and a month later it will be for the board of public utilities to decide whether the system that has been tried out shall be continued. The committee of the Chamber of Commerce recognizes that only a month remains to offer a counter proposal and is in favor of a proposal which would be based strictly on the service furnished by the company. It met on Monday to consider the situation and will be ready to furnish a report to the chamber at its next meeting.

Briefly the proposal of the committee is that a number certain of calls be allowed to each house phone and charged for at a given rate whether used or not and another certain number be allowed to any business phone at a business house rate. Where a call is from Wailuku or Kahului or Lahaina the subscriber would be charged with three calls against his monthly allotment, and all calls over and above the maximum provided for the month would be charged for pro rata on the same basis so also with Makawao.

Proposal Explained

Explaining this the committee gives an example. A subscriber allowed 60 calls uses five to Lahaina and five to Makawao and 20 in Wailuku, Punene Kahului and other sections of central Maui and his allotment is exhausted. Thereafter he would pay for additional calls at a proportionate rate, calls to and from Makawao and Lahaina to central Maui points always being charged as three regular calls.

Officials of the telephone company say that not so many telephones were taken out as was expected at the outset, that the company is on a paying basis through its operation and that subscribers, as they have come to understand the working of the plan now in operation are satisfied with it. They also say that the use of a telephone by neighbors of the subscriber has been much reduced by the working of the system.

The chamber of commerce believes that if its proposal were put into operation use of telephone by non-subscribers would be still further reduced and more subscribers would be secured in consequence for a subscriber whose service is limited in number and charged for added service would watch the calls made over his phone more carefully.

Opinions Are Sought

Before presenting a report to the next meeting of the chamber the committee desires to know with some de-

FLIERS TOSSED AS LEAVES IN AIR

Longest Flight to Date Made on Return From Hilo; Kahului Only Maui Port Found Safe For Landing.

Two flying boats and three Eagle boats, the "Fords of the Sea," returned to Maui Monday and yesterday departed on the final stage of their 1500 mile exploration trip around the Islands. Just before reaching Kahului the flying boats encountered the worst bit of flying of the whole trip, running into a medley of heavy winds and "air pockets" off Kahakuloa.

Not only was some of the worst flying met with on the trip from Hilo to Kahului but the flight was the longest to that time of the trip. The fleet left Hilo at 8 a. m. and the flying boats kept in communication by wireless with the sea craft. From Hilo they proceeded down the coast and thence over to Hana. No landing was attempted there and word was wireless to proceed on to Maalea. There the fliers found they could not secure a safe anchorage because of the Kona wind blowing and there were not adequate supplies or facilities. A wireless was sent back to the boats to proceed to Kaanapali. There, again it was found wind and sea conditions were unsuitable for anchorage and it was determined to proceed on to Kahului.

On the trip from Hana to Maalea Bay a side trip was made to Kahoolawe and that island was circled. Leaving Kaanapali the voyage proceeded around West Maui. Off Kahakuloa gulch the flying boats had a trying experience. They were so tossed around that the gas flowed back out of the engines and the engines stopped, but the machines were finally righted.

Going from Maui to Hawaii the fliers passed through 15 thunder storms and Flight Commander Kilmer said the weather was the worst he had ever experienced, but it was overshadowed by the one off Kahakuloa on the return trip.

Tuesday no flights were made but Wednesday, Lanai was circled. Yesterday morning a start was made for Kahului, which will be the longest flight no stop having been made at Oahu. The journey from Hilo to Kahului was more than 200 miles as they flew, and a trifle less than four hours was required.

The officers of the expedition were more than ever enthusiastic over Kahului as a base upon their return.

Additional Hundred Feet For Mala Wharf Favored by Chamber

Extension of Mala wharf 100 feet beyond present plans is favored by the Chamber of Commerce. It would mean a first unit of 300 feet in length instead of about 200. If done in connection with the work contracted for a large saving in cost would result, it is said.

At the special meeting of the Chamber on Monday A. W. Collins was asked for information as to Mala wharf and replied that Ed. Lord, the contractor had said if it could be arranged to continue the wharf on out he would be willing to add another hundred feet beyond what the plans call for at an additional cost of \$30,000. Mr. Collins said that figure was about half of what costs would be if the wharf building equipment were moved and brought back. He also said that he understood Lord had taken up the subject with some of the legislative members, among them Senator Harry A. Baldwin.

Having heard the report the Chamber passed a motion that the secretary ask the Maui legislators to take the subject up with the superintendent of public works with a view to securing the necessary legislation if the proposal be approved by him.

Plans for the wharf call for one that can be used by Inter-Island steamers and for later extensions, after studying tides and currents and their effect on shipping at the wharf, so that large steamers may load sugar there direct from the wharf.

Free of accuracy how much demand there is for another change of phone charges and what degree of satisfaction or dissatisfaction exists with the charge system now in operation and asks that expressions on the subject be mailed to J. H. Gray, or J. Garcia. Wailuku as E. R. Bevins, the third member of the committee, will be in Honolulu much of the time for the next two weeks.

The committee disclaims intention of stirring up dissatisfaction with the present arrangement and expresses a desire to know exactly what the real sentiment is and then to cooperate with the telephone company in securing for it a charge system which will produce a fair profit and at the same time give satisfaction to the Maui using public.

Many Checks Sent to Kahului Fail to Reach Destinations

Mystery Surrounds Disappearance of Letters and Packages; no Financial Loss Results But Much Inconvenience and Annoyance and Some Confusion; Sheriff Investigates; Post Office Officials at Honolulu Are Notified.

More than 400 checks for between \$50,000 and \$90,000 contained in packages or letters addressed to business houses of Kahului have disappeared. The sheriff's office is investigating the matter. The post office at Honolulu has been notified and has replied that the subject would be given attention but, so far as is known on Maui, is making no investigation. No complaints of losses of currency have reached the sheriff's office but in at least one instance small sums of currency, addressed to Kahului business houses did not reach their destination. So far as the disappearance of the checks is concerned there has been no financial loss, no effort made to cash any of them, but there has been much inconvenience and annoyance.

News Breaks and Spreads

It became known that something unusual had occurred when recently letters were received by some patrons of the Island Electric Company telling them that a deposit of checks for the Baldwin Bank, mailed from Punene on December 23, payments for bills rendered by the Electric Company and by that Company turned over to Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company, had not reached the bank. Recipients of the letters were asked to send duplicate checks as is requested in an advertisement published in this issue of Maui News.

Inquiry resulted in learning that the loss of the checks mailed by the H. C. & S. Co., is not an isolated instance. A package of dividend checks was sent down from the Haiku Fruit Company and never reached the bank. Two packages of checks from Hana mailed to the Baldwin Bank disappeared. A package of checks drawn on the Baldwin Bank and cashed or deposited in the Bank of Maui did not reach the Baldwin Bank. Other checks sent to the Kahului Railroad and the Kahului Store and other concerns failed to reach their destination. It is not the Baldwin Bank alone that has been annoyed. There has been no financial loss in the reported instances, however. Some warrants of the county were not received at the bank though mailed and a letter containing warrants and addressed to Supervisor Uahinu on Molokai never came to his hands.

Sees Letter in Pouch

In one instance a package was to go to the Baldwin Bank from Haiku. The messenger was late in receiving the package and went to the train. He was told that the mail pouch was closed. A package of checks drawn on the letter going and said Mr. D. C. Lindsay was awaiting its arrival. The messenger saw the pouch opened and the letter placed within, he says. Fifteen minutes after the mail arrived at the Kahului postoffice Mr. Lindsay opened the bank's letter box but there was no package from Haiku. He telephoned, was told the letter had been mailed, but it has not been received yet.

In only a single instance has a check reported lost but recovered. That was a check drawn in favor of Kahului Store for more than \$400 and it was found and turned into the store by an employee.

There is no evidence that the losses occurred in the post office and it should be said at once that no suspicion has at any time attached to the Kahului postmaster. There has been suspicion that children were tampering with mail boxes and two or three grown persons have been under suspicion. All of the losses occurred in December and January and none have been reported recently.

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All in all there is much mystery that attaches to the whole affair and no satisfactory explanation has been offered since there is nothing to show that the missing letters and packages disappeared in the postoffice, in transit to the postoffice or from the boxes after distribution of the mails. One assumption is that some one has been opening letters and packages in the hope of securing currency and has destroyed the checks when it was found there was no money in the contents.

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From four o'clock on, tomorrow afternoon and evening, it will be carnival time and about the Kamehameha III School grounds and fun and frolic will be the rule. There will be more than a score of shows and booths of all sorts, all of the attractions of a county fair or carnival amusement street will be there and many others besides.

One of the most attractive features of the carnival is sure to be the hula dancing, housed in a coconut and grass enclosure. The dancers will be Hawaiian girls and boys, clothed in grass skirts and with all bula equipment and the best of Hawaiian music for accompaniment. There will be folk dancing, too, in another enclosure, a carnival of song where choral singing will feature, a minstrel show of burnt cork artists, a hypnotist (trained at the school), performing animals (also trained at the school), and not to be forgotten is the "Jitney Dance Hall" for which a large room with good floor has been reserved and an electric piano provided. Dances will cost a jitney.

Other booths and amusements will include "Soak the Nigger," ring a cans, novelty booth with stocks of confetti, serpentine, balloons etc., a merry go round and a Gypsy queen fortune teller.

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Carnival Will Reign At Lahaina Tomorrow; Fun Aplenty Promised

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Sale of Property of Island Electric Co. Will be March 28th

Sale of the properties of Island Electric Company under foreclosure will be held at the court house at noon of Monday, March 28. Notice of the sale is published for the first time in Maui News this week. Thus is taken one further step toward the settlement of the lighting difficulties for Wailuku and one stage nearer to the end is reached.

Copies of the decree in foreclosure were received in Maui at the end of last week and the last preliminaries were taken this week. The full list of the properties to be sold will be found in the published notice. Further proceedings to follow the sale are the approval of the commissioners report of sale by the court, delivery of the papers of conveyance and transfer of the property to the purchaser or purchasers.

As to what will follow the sale—that remains to be determined.

School Children Hear Of Needs of Near East

Dr. Lionel L. Wirt spent but a short time on Maui in the interests of the Near East Relief but his stay was a busy one. Arriving from Honolulu on Tuesday morning he went to the entertainment of the Woman's Club in the afternoon and gave a short talk and spoke in the Territorial building in the evening. Wednesday he spoke at the high school, at Maunaloa Seminary, Paia, Punene and Wailuku and then proceeded to Lahaina where he spoke to quite a sizable crowd of adults and left that afternoon for Hilo.

Chairman Lufkin of the Maui committee said this morning that reports have not come in from other committees that Wailuku but that such information as has come to him indicates results have not been up to hopes and he urges the committees and the public to speed up.